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In re Application of:

Koichiro Hori et al.

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Device-Steering Shaft Assembly And Endoscope

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Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT "A"</u>

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Responsive to the Official Action mailed 27 July 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Cancel claims 6, 10 and 21.

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Amend the original claims as follows:

(Amended) An instrument for viewing a surgical site comprising a shaft having proximal and distal ends and an internal passageway;

a support member attached to one of said proximal and distal enes of said

shaft;

camera mounting means pixotally attached to said support member;

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